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SUBJECT: PLYUSHCH DEPARTURE: COMMENTS BY A SOVIET DISSIDENT

REF:MOSCOW 116, MOSCOW 169

1. PROMINENT SOVIET DISSIDENT SCULPTOR ERNST NEIZVESTNIY TOLD US JANUARY 11 THAT HE HAD HEARD ON VOA THAT PLYUSHCH AND HIS WIFE HAD IN FACT LEFT THE SOVIET UNION.

2. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE INTERPRETATION WHICH HE SAID THE VOICE HAD MADE OF THE CASE, I.E. NAMELY THAT PLYUSHCH'S DEPARTURE IS CONSIDERED AS A FORTHCOMING MOVE BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT.

3. ACCORDING TO NEIZVESTNIY PLYUSHCH HAD NOT WANTED TO LEAVE THE SOVIET UNION AND HIS DEPARTURE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A FORM OF EXILE. CERTAINLY IT WAS FORTUNATE THAT PLYUSHCH WAS NO LONGER INCARCERATED IN A MENTAL HOSPITAL BUT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH BETTER HAD BE BEEN RELEASED AND ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN THE USSR, AS HE WISHED.

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